

CLAIMS

- 1 1. An information system for use in providing information to a user via a
2 communication network, said information system comprising:
3 a location-specific input system configured to communicate with a communication network,
4 said location-specific input system being further configured to receive an input from a user, determine a
5 location of the user, and enable information corresponding to the input of the user and the location of
6 the user to be provided to the communication network.
- 1 2. The information system of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a portable computing device, said location-sensitive input system being
3 implemented with said portable computing device.
- 1 3. The information system of claim 1, wherein said location-sensitive input
2 system is configured to determine the location of the user automatically in response to
3 receiving the input from the user.
- 1 4. The information system of claim 2, wherein said portable computing device is
2 selected from the group consisting of: a phone, a personal digital assistant, and a
3 laptop.
- 1 5. The information system of claim 2, wherein said portable computing device
2 includes a Global Positioning System receiver, and the location of the user is
3 determined with said Global Positioning System receiver.

1 6. The information system of claim 2, wherein the location of the user is
2 determined by said location-specific input system retrieving information
3 corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone of the user is active.

1 7. The information system of claim 6, wherein said location-specific input system
2 retrieves information corresponding to the current cell of the user by querying a cell
3 phone service provider of the user.

1 8. The information system of claim 6, wherein said location-specific input system
2 is implemented by a cell phone of the user, said location-specific input system being
3 configured to retrieve information corresponding to the current cell of the user via the
4 cell phone.

1 9. The information system of claim 2, wherein said location-specific input system
2 includes means for retrieving information corresponding to a current cell of the user.

1 10. An information system for use in providing information to a user via a
2 communication network, said information system comprising:
3 a location-specific input system configured to communicate with a
4 communication network, said location-specific input system being further configured
5 to receive information via the communication network, determine a location of the
6 user, and prevent information failing to correspond to the location of the user from
7 being provided to the user.

1 11. The information system of claim 10, further comprising:
2 a portable computing device, said location-sensitive input system being
3 implemented with said portable computing device.

1 12. The information system of claim 10, wherein the location of the user is
2 determined by said location-specific input system retrieving information
3 corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone of the user is active.

1 13. The information system of claim 10, wherein said location-specific input
2 system is configured to determine the location of the user automatically in response to
3 receiving the input from the communication network.

1 14. An information system for use in providing information to a user via a
2 communication network, said information system comprising:
3 a location-specific services system configured to communicate with a
4 communication network, said location-specific services system being further
5 configured to receive information from a user via the communication network,
6 determine a location of the user, and provide information which corresponds to the
7 location of the user to the user via the communication network.

1 15. The information system of claim 14, wherein said location-specific services
2 system is configured to determine the location of the user by retrieving information
3 corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone of the user is active.

1 16. The information system of claim 15, wherein said location-specific services
2 system is configured to determine the location of the user by querying a cell phone
3 service provider of the user.

1 17. A method for providing information to a user via a communication network,
2 said method comprising:
3 providing a portable computing device;
4 receiving an input from a user via the portable computing device;
5 automatically determining a location of the user; and
6 enabling information corresponding to the input of the user and the location of
7 the user to be provided to the communication network via the portable computing
8 device.

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein automatically determining a location of the
2 user comprises:
3 retrieving information corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone
4 of the user is active.

1 19. The method of claim 17, wherein automatically determining a location of the
2 user comprises:
3 querying a cell phone service provider of the user.

1 20. A method for providing information to a user via a communication
2 network, said method comprising:
3 receiving an input from a user;
4 determining a location of the user; and
5 providing information corresponding to the input of the user and the location
6 of the user to the user via the communication network.

1 21. The method of claim 20, wherein determining a location of the user comprises:
2 retrieving information corresponding to a current cell with which a cell phone
3 of the user is active.

1 22. The method of claim 20, wherein determining a location of the user comprises:
2 querying a cell phone service provider of the user.

1 23. The method of claim 20, wherein receiving an input from a user comprises:
2 receiving the input from a portable computing device, the portable computing
3 device being configured to determine the location of the user and provide information
4 corresponding to the location of the user via the communication network.

1 24. The method of claim 20, wherein providing information comprises:
2 storing information; and
3 correlating the user input and the location of the user with the stored
4 information.